

# HAMATEUR CHATTER

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## PREZ LETTER

by Howard, AB9FH

I was pleasantly surprised to be elected President, considering the quality of my competition, but it is a job that I want to do for the club. First off, I want to thank the departing officers and directors, Patrick, W9UQ; Tom, AB9EK; Brian, K9LCQ; and Hal, KB9OZN. They all deserve our appreciation for stepping up and taking on the responsibilities. Tom and Brian in particular have served long and well. Patrick has been the target of some humor concerning his frequent absences, but it is only fair to remember that he took up the job of President when no one else would, and in the clear understanding that work schedule and health needs would take priority. Thanks, Patrick! I hope you will be able to participate in the club more in the coming years.

By way of introduction, I was first licensed as KB9VJS in November of 1999, and started attending club meetings in early 2000. I learned about the club through the VEC. My favorite club activity is Field Day, and I am hoping to drum up interest in some other events that help put ham radio in the public eye, namely Kids Day and Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day. My day job is keeping the electronic orders and invoices flowing for Master Lock. My wife, Fran, and I have 4 kids, one of whom you should know as our new club Treasurer, Sarah, KB9ZNC. Sarah has been raised in a somewhat old-fashioned way: she expects to address adult men as Mr. \_\_\_ and this ham radio custom of first-name-and-callsign gets her a little flummoxed. She is learning and adapting, as the

young do so well, but I think it will be quite a while before she can bring herself to refer to anyone as "old man". Well, anyone but me.

Speaking of **Field Day**, we owe Pancho, KA9OFA, and Jim, WB9LNU, a big debt of gratitude for taking on the job of Field Day co-chairmen. That job can be a challenge if you have enough time, and these fellows came in at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. I doubt we will have time for any kind of organizational meeting before the actual event, so make sure you show up before noon on Saturday (*the 24<sup>th</sup>*) so you can get the scoop before firing up those mikes and keys. If you come later, make sure to check in with Pancho or Jim. One of the biggest headaches reported by our FD chairmen in past years has been logs being filled out incorrectly, so let's see if we can do better this year. Let's not reward their extra effort by adding to the burden. The OTHER reason for coming early on Saturday is so you don't miss out on the **club picnic!** Charles, KC9IIV, our incoming club Secretary, has volunteered to provide the food.

The club has enjoyed good financial health, thanks to the care of the Board, and I will definitely work to see that continues. It isn't every club that could get a significant upgrade of its repeater in terms of location and equipment and emerge with nearly \$0 net cost. In terms of education, I would like to see the club offer 2-3 classes a year. I don't think we have enough instructors at

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# NETS HEARD IN THE MILWAUKEE AREA

DAY	TIME	MHz	ACTIVITY			
Daily	6:00-8:00 AM	14.2900	Milwaukee / Florida (SSB)	Wed.	8:00 PM	145.130 ARRL voice news
Daily	5:15-6:00 AM	3.9850	Wisconsin SSB net	Wed.	9:00 PM	145.130 MAARS Swapnet
Daily	7:30 AM	144.1550	Breakfast RoundTable (SSB)	Wed.	8:00 PM	147.270 Weather & Swap Net
Daily	9:30 PM	3.9725	Country Cousins Net	Thu.	9:00 PM	50.160 6 m. SSB Net
Mon.	8:00 PM	146.8650-	ARES Net (Walworth and ARRL news)	Thu.	9:00 PM	146.910- Computer Net
Mon.	8:00 PM	146.4450	Emergency Net	<b>Fri. 8:00 PM 28.490 MRAC W9RH 10 m. Net (SSB)</b>		
Mon.	8:45 PM	147.1650	ARRL voice news (ARES)	<b>Fri. 9:00 PM 145.390- W9RH 2 m. FM Net after 10 mtr. net</b>		
Mon.	9:00 PM	50.1600	6 m. SSB Net	Sat	9:00 PM	146.910- Saturday Night Fun Net
Mon.	9:00 PM	147.1650	ARES Net (Milwaukee-Waukesha)	Sun.	8:30 AM	3.985 QCWA (Chptr 55) (SSB)
Tue.	9:00 AM	50.1600	6 m. 2nd Shifters' SSB Net	Sun.	9:00 AM	145.565 X-Country Simplex Group (FM)
Tue.	8:00 PM	144.2500	Badger Contesters (SSB)	Sun.	10:00 AM	443.800 FM-38 link to 146.88 Baraboo Swapnet
Tue.	9:00 PM	50.1600	6 m. SSB Net	Sun.	8:00 PM	28.365 MKE Guardian chptr 10-10 net
Wed.	8:00 PM	28.365	MKE Guardian chptr 10-10 net	Sun.	8:00 PM	146.910- Information Net
				Sun.	9:00 PM	146.910- Swap Net

2 meter repeaters are offset by 600 KHz -- 70 centimeter repeaters are offset by 5 MHz  
SSB frequencies below 20 meters are LSB and for 20 mtrs and above are USB

## HAMATEURCHATTER

HamateurChatter is the newsletter of MRAC (Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club), a not for profit organization for the advancement of amateur radio and the maintenance of fraternalism and a high standard of conduct.

MRAC Membership dues are \$17.<sup>00</sup> per year and run on a calendar year starting January 1.

MRAC general membership meetings are normally held at 7:00 p.m. the last Thursday of the month except for November (3rd Thursday due to Thanksgiving) and December, when Christmas dinner takes the place of a regular meeting.

Meetings are held at:

Redemption Lutheran Church  
Fellowship Hall  
4057 N. Mayfair Rd.  
Milwaukee, WI

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present to support that ambitious schedule, so you can expect to hear more on this topic in the future. It doesn't really take any special talent to teach since we have good material. Also, anybody can read the book; the special thing a live instructor provides is his experience and I know we have a lot of that in the club, an untapped resource. More than a year ago, I told the Board I would look at the club Bylaws and suggest changes to try to get the club financial and officer term years aligned. I guess I should probably do that soon. I also would like to celebrate the club's 90th anniversary next year with an event of special magnificence. What form will this take? I don't know, and it is really up to the club to decide, but I would like to see something bigger than just an operating event. Any ideas? Let your Board members know.

73 de AB9FH

## CREDITS

Our thanks to our news contributors this month:

AB9FH                      K9RYW  
WB9PTC                  KF9PU                  N9YMC

Our thanks also goes to:

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Emails the 'Chatter.

Howard Parks, who administers our Web Site.

Mark Tellier, Tom Czaja, and Tom Fuszard who manage our VEC.

***T h a n k   Y O U !***

# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 5/25/06

By BRIAN WHITE, K9LCQ

Howard, AB9FH, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Everyone was welcomed to the meeting. The microphone battery had expired, therefore the microphone was not passed for introductions.

In order to expedite the meeting Howard, AB9FH, called for a motion to accept the April meeting minutes to be approved as published in the 'Chatter. Pancho, KA9OFA made the motion with a second by Hal, KB9OZN. There was no discussion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Tom, AB9EK, read the treasurer's report for April. A motion was made by Joe, N9UX to accept the treasurer's report and was seconded by Tom, WI9TOM. There was no discussion. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Due to the lack of a working microphone there was no Buzz Talk.

Tom, KF9PU, updated the members on the latest news from the world of VEC. The new Technician Class questions will start in July 2006. The General question pool will be updated July 2007.

Any suggestions to changes for the General Class can be made online at <http://www.ncvec.org/>. The Extra class question pool will be replaced in 2008.

Howard, AB9FH, announced that Field Day would be chaired by Pancho, KA9OFA, and Jim, WB9LNU. All were encouraged to visit the Field Day site and participate.

Howard, AB9FH, announced again that the board is trying to complete the club inventory list. Any member that has club gear in their possession, let the treasurer know.

Hal, KB9OZN, handled the election with Al, KC9IJJ, and Ken, WK9H, assisting with the vote counting.

Hal accepted nominations from the floor. There were none.

Candidates for President: AB9FH, WB9BWP, and KC9IIV. For Vice President: AB9FH, KC9IIV and N9UX. For Secretary: KC9IIV. For Treasurer: KC9IIV and KB9ZNC. And Director: (2 positions) KC9IIV, WI9TOM, and WA9RDI.

On the first ballot for President Howard AB9FH was elected.

On the first ballot for Vice President Joe, N9UX, was elected.

A motion was made by Pancho, KA9OFA, with a second by Jim, K9UGD, that Charles, KC9IIV be elected as Secretary, Sarah, KB9ZNC be elected as Treasurer: Tom, WI9TOM, and Ted, WA9RDI, as directors all by acclamation. There was no discussion. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Howard, AB9FH, announced (*that*) the MRAC will hold an Extra Class (*instruction class*) in the fall. Anyone interested in helping should contact him.

Mark, AB9CD, made an announcement that ARES is looking for some help at the upcoming events: Trek 100 on June 3rd, the Miller Ride on June 4th, and the GMR on June 9th-10th. More information can be found on the Web at <http://www.milwares.org/>.

Pancho, KA9OFA, made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jerry, WA9CGE, seconded the motion.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

## EAA Fly-In

If you're interested in airplanes (whether old war planes, homebuilt, or experimental aircraft), flying, or home building of aircraft, AirVenture 2006 is the place to be on July 24th through 30th in Oshkosh, WI. If you care to, you can even walk among some of the aircraft that are there. There is also the AirVenture museum, which has some of the older as well as newer aircraft.

In addition, they will have an EAA-W9ZL Special Event Station for Fly-In. All HAMS are invited to come and operate their station. Or if you care to you can fire up your own station and talk to them on the air. There might even be a special QSL card in it for you.

Here is their schedule:

Thursday - Sunday, July 27th - 30th  
1300 UTC -2000 UTC

7,250 KHz  
14,270 KHz  
VHF

For additional information, contact Bernie, N9YMC, at: [n9ymc@arrl.net](mailto:n9ymc@arrl.net)

# JOIN US FOR FIELD DAY 2006

BY PANCHO, KA9OFA

You are invited out to Field Day 2006 for a great time of operating on bands and operating modes that you may not have had the chance to operate previously. Join in on the camaraderie, food, checking out equipment that you may not have been able to before and just plain fun. Remember, this is also our MRAC annual picnic, so bring along other members of your family. There's plenty to see and experience.

For some of you it may be your only chance to operate under these conditions until you get licensed or upgrade your present license. If you have no license, we have a GOTA (*Get On The Air*) station which non licensed operators may operate (with the aid and/or guidance of licensed operators). If you are licensed, you may operate under the conditions of an Extra Class operator, since the co-chairmen for the event have Extra Class licenses.

Our Field Day site is situated at Pioneer Village, approximately ten miles north of Cedarburg on Highway "I". We have the use of the "old" Cedarburg train depot which was moved there a number of years ago. Our site is near the top of a hill just north of Hawthorne Hills golf course and being near to the top of a hill we usually have a nice little breeze most of the time, keeping most of the bugs away. If it does get stormy or rainy we can pull our equipment inside and close the doors to operate (providing there's no lightning).

Bring your sleeping bag and sack out when you are too pooped to operate. If you don't have a tent or camper, you can sleep on the depot benches inside (not too comfortable). Don't forget your sunscreen

and bug repellent.

You can come for a little while or you may stay for the whole operation, starting at around 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, when we start setting up antennas and operating stations and ending with tearing down the whole shebang around noon on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. We actually start operating at around noon on Saturday and officially are done around noon on Sunday.

We'd like to have a small meeting before we start operating, so that we can all know how and where to operate and how to fill out the logs. This is very important for accuracy in our final tallying of contest scores when we are all done.

Be sure to check in with Pancho, KA9OFA, or Jim, WB9LNU, so that we can get you operating a HAM station.

Believe me, it's a lot of fun!!!

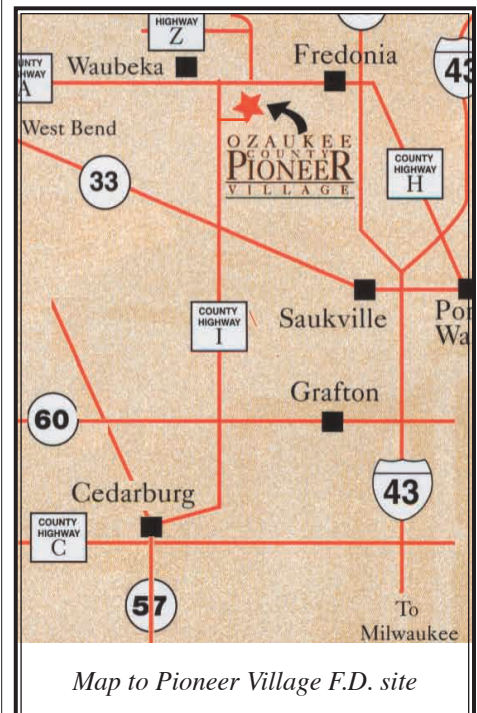
## REMINDERS!

Please check into our nets on Friday evenings.

Our ten meter SSB net is at 8:00 p.m. at 28.490 MHz USB.

Our two meter FM net follows at 9:00 p.m. on our repeater at 145.390 MHz with a minus offset and a PL of 127.3 Hz.

Join us for Saturday morning breakfast at Maxim's Restaurant, 18025 W. Capitol Dr. We usually meet at around 8:00 a.m., and order around 8:15 a.m. The food and the company are good and you don't have to be a member of the club to join us.



## OTA CW CLASSES

Over The Air Classes have come to an end for the summer months. Buck, K9RYW, and Bob, W9CYI are planning to resume OTA classes and practice after Labor Day. There is also talk of practice sessions for people who want to improve their CW skills. Nothing is set in stone, yet. It's just in the idea stage.



# EVENTS

## Amateur Radio Operator Recognition Days

Sat. & Sun. - June 24 & 25, 2006

## ARRL Field Day

Sat. - Sun., June 24 & 25, 2006

Pioneer Village

10 mi. north of Cedarburg

on Hwy "I"

## MRAC General Meeting

Thu. - June 29, 2006

7:00 p.m.

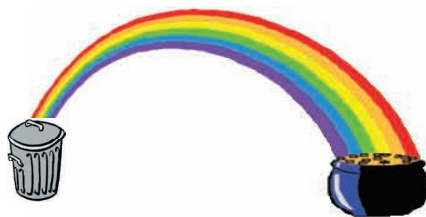
## Princeton HamFest

SAT.-SUN. - JUNE 3 & 4, 2006

Bureau Co. Fairgrounds

Princeton, IL

T/I on 146.955 - MHz (103.5 PL)



## SMARC SwapFest

SAT. - JULY 8, 2006

American Legion Post 434

Oak Creek, WI

T/I on 146.52 MHz Simplex

## W9ZL Special Event Station

for EAA Fly-In

Thu. - Sun., Jul. 27 - 30, 2006

1300 - 2000 UTC

Oshkosh, WI

7,250 & 14,270 KHz & VHF

## 2006 Central States VHF

Annual Conference

Fri., & Sat., July 28 & 29, 2006

Ramada Mall-of-America

Bloomington, MN

## Bolingbrook HamFest 2006 \*

Sun., August 6th, 2006

Bolingbrook High School

Bolingbrook, IL

T/I on 147.33 + MHz & 224.54 - MHz

## Circus City SwapFest \*

SAT. - AUG 12, 2006

SAUK CO. FAIRGROUNDS

BARABOO, WI

\* indicates VE testing is available.

# EXAM RESULTS

BY TOM FUSZARD, KF9PU

We had a rather quiet session on May 27. Of the six people who tested, three were successful. One person upgraded to General Class, and two received their Technician Class licenses.

VEs who assisted during this session included:

Tom Czaja..... KG9EE  
Mark Tellier..... AB9CD  
Naomi Potash ..... KC9GSS  
Bernie Golownia ..... AA9CI  
Mark Bye..... KB9LDX  
Ken Eggert ..... W9MOT  
Nels Harvey..... WA9JOB  
Hal Newton ..... KB9OZN  
Ken Hahn ..... WK9H

Our next session will be held at AES on July 29. Testing will run from 9:30 to 11:15 a.m.

# GENERAL CLASS POOL INFO

BY TOM FUSZARD, KF9PU

The NCVEC's Question Pool Committee has begun work on a new General Class question pool, and welcomes input from the amateur radio community.

If you have questions for the new pool, or suggestions for material that should be changed or deleted, feel free to contact the committee.

For individual questions or short suggestions, use the form found at [www.ncvec.org/feedback.php](http://www.ncvec.org/feedback.php). Groups of questions may be submitted to [qpcinput@ncvec.org](mailto:qpcinput@ncvec.org). You may use Microsoft Word or plain text for your material. Refer to the current General Class pool for chapter content and format.

Please understand that the final decision about a particular suggestion rests with the QPC. They promise to review all suggestions, but will use only those considered appropriate.

The QPC expects to release the new pool by December 1. It will take effect on July 1, 2007.

# EXAM SCHEDULE

BY TOM FUSZARD, KF9PU

## MRAC VEC

## Exam Schedule

## Summer & Fall 2006

Sat., July 29, 2006 - 9:30 a.m. @ AES

Sat., Sept. 30, 2006 - 9:30 @ AES

Sat., Oct. 28, 2006 - 9:30 @ AES

Sat., Nov. 25, 2006 - 9:30 @ AES

## AES = Amateur Electronic Supply

5710 W. Good Hope Rd.

Milwaukee, WI



The next meeting of MRAC  
will be **Thursday, June 29, 2006**  
at **7:00 p.m.**

**Redemption Lutheran Church**

Fellowship Hall

4057 N. Mayfair Rd.

(Use the south entrance)

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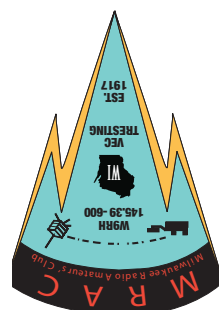
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**Please, DON'T call the church.**

**Our Repeater,  
Talk it up.  
145.390- MHz  
(127.3 Hz PL)**

**Our program for the  
June 29th general  
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Discussion  
about  
Field Day.**

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